

REMARKS

Claims 26-40 and 45 are pending. By this Amendment, claims 27, 31, 32 and 40 are cancelled, claims 26 and 37 are amended and no new claims are added. Claim 26 is amended to include subject matter presented in the dependent claims. Claim 37 is amended to overcome the 112 rejection regarding antecedent basis.

Applicant gratefully acknowledges the Examiner's assistance during a teleconference conducted December 15, 2009. Discussion was had regarding the Healey reference and the independent claims. No agreement was reached on the claims.

35 USC 102 (b) and 103(a) Rejections

The Examiner rejected claims 26, 27, 28, 31, 32, 34, 38 and 40 as anticipated by Healey (WO 01/19936); Claims 29, 30, 33, 35, 37 and 39 were found obvious based on Healey in view of one of ordinary skill in the art; and Claim 45 was rejected also based on Healey combined with the prior art disclosed by Applicant of pp. 1-2 of the instant specification. Applicant respectfully traverses the Examiner's reliance on Healey for the current rejections. Healey constructs a resin filler joint between two components (Abstract) using a sealing web such as a fabric tape (page 2, line 9-15) and then introducing a flowable resin adhesive into the gap (Abstract). Thus Healey does not anticipate or make obvious the present claim set as amended. Healey requires the two components in spaced relationship to construct the joint as distinguished from the claims presented which includes only a single aircraft component. Likewise, Healey does not disclose a moulding tool as understood by one of ordinary skill in the art. Thus Healey does not anticipate or make obvious the claims.

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned if the Examiner believes it would be useful to advance prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Thomas G. Dickson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Thomas" and last name "Dickson" clearly distinguishable.

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